

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-2, 4, 6 and 8-10 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,382,410 to *Peltier*. The Examiner also indicates that claims 3, 5, and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Merely to advance the prosecution of this application, the applicant has amended the claims to take advantage of the Examiner's indication of allowability. Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 2 and 3; new independent claim 11 corresponds to original claims 1 and 5; and new independent claim 12 corresponds to original claims 1 and 7. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-9 and 11-18 are now in condition for allowance.

The applicant has also added new independent claim 19, which corresponds to claim 1 as originally filed and includes the features of claims 2 and 3, which were indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Independent claim 19 and dependent claims 20-25 are patentable over *Peltier* as independent claim 19 includes an aerosol device for converting said decontamination reagent into an aerosol fog, said aerosol device including a nozzle and a source of pressurized fluid, said nozzle connected to said source of pressurized fluid and said source of decontamination reagent. This feature is not disclosed by *Peltier* and is the same feature indicated by the Examiner to be allowable in the Office Action.

Independent claim 19 and its associated dependant claims are also patentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,199,557 to *Laughlin* which was cited by the Examiner in the first Office Action issued in the subject application. *Laughlin* also fails to disclose an aerosol device for converting

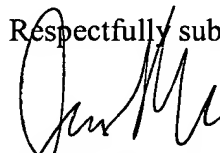
said decontamination reagent into an aerosol fog, said aerosol device including a nozzle and a source of pressurized fluid, said nozzle connected to said source of pressurized fluid and said source of decontamination reagent.

Accordingly, new claims 19-25 are also patentable over the references.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, (781)890-5678.

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